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Via ECF

The Honorable Philip M. Halpern United States District Court Hon. Charles L. Brieant Jr. Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse 300 Quarropas Street, Courtroom 520 White Plains, NY 10601

Re: Phoenix v. Cushman & Wakefield U.S., Inc., Case No. 7:24-cv-00965

Dear Judge Halpern:

I represent Plaintiff in the above action. I write pursuant to Rule I.B of Your Honor's Individual Practices in Civil Cases to bring to the Court's attention a recent order denying reconsideration on the court's denial of the defendant's motion to dismiss and denying certification for interlocutory appeal in *Espinal v. Sephora USA, Inc.*, Case No. 1:22-cv-03034, ECF No. 114 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 12, 2024) (Engelmayer, J.). A true and correct copy of the *Espinal* decision is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Plaintiff respectfully submits *Espinal* further supports denial of Defendant's motion, as Judge Engelmayer agreed with *Vega* in holding there is a private right to action under New York Labor Law § 191, and classified *Grant* as an "outlier decision." Ex. A, at 12.

Respectfully,

<u>/s/ Yitzchak Kopel</u>

cc: All counsel of record via ECF

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